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## OURSELVES.

With this number the third volume of the *Library Assistant* is commenced, and we may be permitted, without undue egotism, to review the work which has been accomplished during the four years of its existence.

The first number of the *Library Assistant* was published in January, 1898, and was the outcome of the deliberations of a band of enthusiasts, whose progressive views led them to believe that the time was ripe for the establishment of an organ representative of the views and interests of Library Assistants. Nothing daunted by the opposition they met with, and the obstacles they had to overcome, these men set to work to carry out their ideas with the result mentioned above. Sanguine of its ultimate success as were many of its promoters, few, if any, expected that in the short space of four years the *Library Assistant* would meet with the sympathy and support which is now accorded it. This support is shown by the fact that the circulation of the present number is twice as large as that of the first, but, with the ambition of youth, we are not satisfied to allow it to remain at this, and we confidently look forward to a large increase in our subscribers' list with the commencement of this volume.

It cannot be denied that concurrently with the existence of the *Library Assistant*, the status and payment of Assistants throughout the Kingdom has gradually improved, but, notwithstanding this improvement, much remains to be done in this direction, and Assistants will best study their own interests as well as the interests of the public they serve, by banding themselves together in the ranks of the L.A.A. for the purpose of increasing their professional knowledge, and thereby qualifying themselves the better to fill the higher positions as they become vacant, for it is now generally conceded—even by librarians—that the assistant of to-day must be the librarian of to-morrow, consequently no stone should be left unturned by the zealous assistant to increase his knowledge of his chosen calling, thereby making himself better fitted to occupy these posts when his turn comes along.

It is not without interest to note that our first two editors now occupy positions as "Chiefs"—Mr. B. L. Dyer at Kimberley, South Africa, and Mr. H. Ogle at Ipswich—whilst

of the original publishing Committee, Mr. Caddie is Librarian of Chester, Mr. Clarke of Penge, and Mr. Meaden Roberts of Mile End. In addition to this record, of which we feel justly proud, several of the present members owe their improved positions to their connection with us. It is unnecessary to further emphasize this point than to say that in a recent appointment, a Librarian admitted to the successful candidate that the reason he had obtained the position was due to his connection with the L.A.A. *Verb. Sap.*

When the difficulties under which the *Library Assistant* has to be published are remembered, it more than justifies our gratification upon the completion of our second volume, particularly as its early death was predicted in many quarters. At the same time we are fully cognisant of the great assistance we have received, and are still receiving, from many Librarians and others, and to them we tender our cordial thanks, expressing the hope that they will continue to give us their practical and moral support.

The *Library Assistant* is, we believe, the first and only paper devoted exclusively to the interests of Assistants, and as such marks a turning point in the history of Librarianship, which we hope will in the near future lead up to greater things.

Readers are reminded that only a few back numbers of volumes 1 and 2 remain on hand, and those who want to complete their sets should immediately pen the Editor, who will do his best to supply them with the numbers they require. Already twice their published value is being willingly paid for complete sets, only one or two of which remain in the Editorial Office.

We trust that we can continue to rely upon our readers practical interest in us, not only by their subscribing to the Journal, but also by sending contributions of all matters of professional interest which may come under their notice, for it is only by co-operation of this kind that we can hope to contain many items of interesting news, which would otherwise be lost.

In conclusion we would again urge upon all Assistants the absolute necessity of joining the L.A.A., reminding them that the new Session commences this month, and that all intending members should send in their names to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible, in order to get the benefit of a complete session.

The *Library Assistant* will in future be published under the direction of Mr. H. Tapley Soper, Sub-Librarian of the Borough of Stoke Newington, to whom all communications should be addressed.

## THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION.

FOUNDED 1895. SEVENTH SESSION. YEAR 1901-1902.

*Members are requested to read carefully the announcements appearing on this and the following pages, as no further intimation of meetings and other arrangements may be expected.*

## INAUGURAL MEETING—SEVENTH SESSION.

The inaugural meeting will be held at the Guildhall on Wednesday, October 16th, by kind invitation of Mr. Charles Welch, F.S.A., the City Librarian.

Members are requested to meet at 7 p.m. *punctually*. The proceedings will open with an inspection of this old historic building, arrangements being made for visits to the Crypt, Council Chamber, Museum, etc. This feature alone will prove of much interest to all present.

At 7.45 the meeting proper will take place, when Mr. Welch will favour us with a paper entitled, "The Young Librarian: his training and possibilities."

The Chairman of the Guildhall Library Committee, William Rome, Esq., F.S.A., F.L.S., has kindly consented to preside on this occasion.

At the close of Mr. Welch's address, each member of the L.A.A. will be presented with a copy of Greenwood's "Library Year Book" (1900-01), which the author has very kindly forwarded for distribution amongst our members.

Mr. Rome has intimated his pleasure to invite us to partake of a cup of tea with him at the close of proceedings.

As the hour for meeting is a little earlier than usual, *suburban* members and friends are particularly requested to assist in making this meeting the success which the occasion and the excellent arrangements deserve. Ladies are specially invited.

NOTE.—Formal permission to visit the Guildhall on this occasion is not yet to hand, as the Committee does not meet again until October 7.

## NOVEMBER MEETING.

The second meeting of this session will be held at the Croydon Central Library, by kind permission of Mr. L. Stanley Jast, the Chief Librarian, when a paper will be read by Mr. E. A. Savage, the Sub-Librarian. The date will be announced in our next issue.

## SEPTEMBER OUTING.

Owing to an insufficient number of promises of attendance at Twickenham being received by the Hon. Sec. Entertainment Committee, it was necessary to cancel the arrangements.

#### FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER.

Arrangements are being made with reference to the Fourth Annual Dinner, and Mr. W. B. Young, of 63 Leslie Road, Leytonstone, will be glad to receive any offers of vocal or instrumental assistance on that occasion. Further particulars will be published next month.

#### STUDY CIRCLE.

FOR DETAILS OF THIS SCHEME SEE SEPTEMBER NUMBER.

##### QUESTIONS ON SEPTEMBER WORK.

SENIOR (1). State what you know concerning the influence of the social conditions of the first quarter of the 19th century upon contemporary literature.

(2). Describe the various methods of book-selection, and discuss their respective merits and demerits.

JUNIOR (1). State what you know of the Lake Poets and their work.

(2). Describe simply the theories of the Indicator and Card-Charging Systems of recording issues, and state wherein they differ.

Students are expected to answer these questions *from memory*, and it is understood that no student will refer to any book for information regarding the questions until after posting his answers. Should any student commit himself by acting in contraversion to these instructions, he will be taking an unfair advantage over his fellow-competitors and thwarting the aims of the S.C. Answers must be received by the Hon. Sec., L.A.A., 236 Cable Street, E., not later than the 16th October, signed with a pen-name and accompanied by a *sealed* envelope containing the real name and address of the student, such envelope to be endorsed on the outside with the pen-name *only*.

Readings for October. (*Period same—First Quarter 19th century* :—

\*Brooke's Primer, *Chaps. VII.-VIII.*

\*Morley. *First Sketch. Annals to 1837.*

Morley. *English Literature in reign of Victoria. Chaps. V.-VI.*

Saintsbury. *Short History of English Literature. Book X.*

“ Nineteenth Century Literature: *Chaps. III.-IV.*

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\*Suitable for *Junior Division*.

It will be necessary to obtain a knowledge of contemporary English History from such sources as are available.

## SUMMER PROGRAMME, 1901.

## THE AUGUST RIVER TRIP.

As was expected, the L.A.A. outing for August, up the river from Teddington to Walton and back, was very successful, the attendance being much larger than on any previous occasion during the year.

Teddington, although small and of little consequence compared with some other Thames-side places, has yet a few noteworthy features to recommend it. In crossing the town from the station to the lock you pass on your way the parish church of Teddington, a low-roofed structure of considerable antiquity. Its monuments are varied and curious, the most notable being, perhaps, that to the illustrious Peg Woffington.

A start was made from Teddington shortly before four o'clock, the number on board being just over thirty.

The weir, with its bevy of enthusiastic anglers, was presently passed, and here and there one more eager than his mates pursued his hobby bare-legged in the water. He was not at all envied.

Broad vistas of field and woodland now began to open up on either hand, giving way occasionally to noble houses with still, cool green lawns, and to less pretentious dwellings near the water's edge. Nothing could be more lovely or more peaceful than one of those old-fashioned homesteads, embowered in greenery, and situated as it may be in full view of the river, with an ample stretch of flower-flecked lawn bordering paths that lead to all sorts of shady corners and retreats.

Kingston was the next place of interest, a town of some historical importance, as the chroniclers point out, and as the famous coronation stone in the market-place itself will testify. Further on was passed Thames Ditton, well known for its unique angling facilities; and Leigh Hunt, who assuredly was not oblivious to the charms of Nature in any form, says, in his "Lines in a punt":—

"Here lawyers free from legal toil,  
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Enjoy at once kind Nature's smiles,  
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Which is all very comforting, but rather exclusive. The views here are extremely beautiful, both on land and water.

Hampton Court was now passed, its towers and turrets in grim silhouette against the evening sky. What a motley array of memories linger about this place! As one looks on, what scenes can the fancy not paint?

Away down the centuries, in one long procession of pomp and splendour, of kings and queens, princes and men of rank, prelates and papal divines, one can see for one's self all the actors in the play—a Wolsey, "lofty and sour to those that loved him not," the despised of Henry in his old age; a Boleyn, a Seymour, a Penn, and a Howard; a Mary walking arm in arm with her Philip along terraces and vine-clad bowers; Elizabeth of gracious memory, with her train of beautiful maidens; a James, of controversial mood, a Charles, and a William; an ambitious George; cardinals, papal legates, statesmen, crafty and cunning; court leeches of great adaptability, and the general hangers-on; young squires from the country, pale youths from the town, all imbued with the one idea of winning fame and the favour of those in power.

Beyond Hampton Court, a short distance, is Garrick's Villa. This choice piece of classic architecture, styled as the "Grecian Temple," puts the finishing touch to an already beautiful scene, which is enhanced by a glimpse—just enough—of the tower of Hampton church through the trees.

The Temple was built by Garrick to provide a suitable home for Roubiliac's statue of Shakespeare, which now reposes in the British Museum.

Hampton itself, and Sunbury with its lock, were soon left behind. Sunbury, a very old, straggling village on the Middlesex side of the Thames, looked very quiet and peaceful seen through the screen of willows by the river-side. It is a rare haunt of fishermen, and on this occasion evidence was not wanting of the fact. But it was a melancholy truth that not once during the whole of the afternoon did any of the party see a single fish landed.

Little more of an interesting nature was seen before Walton was reached. Here an adjournment was made for tea, which was served in the Angler's Hotel, a quaint looking hostelry, with a refreshing view from its comfortable balcony.

By this time evening was well advanced, and when the return journey was commenced darkness was setting in fast. To beguile the time singing was indulged in, several ladies and gentlemen courteously offering their services. After all, there is nothing like music to while the hours away. The multi-coloured lights on the various house-boats—those delightful abodes that seem to have been transported from some enchanted fairyland—enlivened the river in patches here and there all the way down until Teddington was reached, shortly before nine o'clock, when general regret was expressed that the day had not been longer.

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Mr. J. P. Anderson, the subject of our portrait, has recently retired, under the age limit, from the position of Clerk of the Reading Room of the British Museum Library.

His intellectual, yet genial face will be greatly missed by the readers at our great National Library, where his great courtesy and ready help to all have won a host of friends.

Mr. Anderson entered the service of the Trustees of the British Museum in 1860. Since that time he has witnessed many changes in the department where his extensive knowledge of the library has rendered his services in this position invaluable. The present system of collecting and receiving books in the reading room is one of the many improvements introduced by him.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Anderson published his "Book of British Topography." Such has been the demand for this useful and interesting work, that several copies have already been worn out in the British Museum Reading Room. Needless to say, every well-represented reference library contains a copy of this invaluable work.

The bibliographies of the "Great Writer Series," which is such a special feature in these volumes, are from the pen of Mr. Anderson, as are also a great number of other important bibliographies, too numerous to mention.

Mr. Anderson is a man of many and varied interests. He was one of the founders of the London Scottish Border Counties Association, and was the first Chairman of that successful Institution. He was also a Manager of the Westminster Technical Institute from its foundation until it was handed over to the L.C.C. by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

The volunteers have claimed him as a member, for he joined the volunteers in the sixties, and was for the last few years of his active service the champion shot of the B. M. Rifle Association. The King of Servia last year conferred upon him the Order of St. Sava in acknowledgement of his contributions to literature.

From his position Mr. Anderson has assisted all sorts and conditions of men, and it has naturally brought him into contact with almost every man and woman of the period noted either in literature, science and art.

It is but left for us to add that we sincerely hope that Mr. Anderson may for many years enjoy the rest he has so well and ably earned.

W. J. H.

#### THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting was held at Plymouth during the last week of August, under the presidency of G. K. Fortescue, Esq., Keeper of the printed books of the British Museum. The discussions on "Shelf Classification" and on "Catalogues" revealed irreconcilable differences of opinion, and showed that there is not an agreement on even the principles which ought to lie at the foundation of either. With his guides giving directions not uncertain and indefinite, but positive and dogmatic, albeit irreconcilable, what can the Assistant do? Mr. Taylor thought (according to the report before us) that shelf classification was superior even to a *perfect* catalogue in making the resources of a library on a particular subject available. Mr. Doubleday pointed out the inconvenience of having, as in class guides, a number of separate indexes of portions of a collection, and the absence of title references. He admitted their usefulness to students for whom he was willing to issue them in addition to a dictionary catalogue, which incorporated all their advantages! Mr. Quinn claimed for the classified catalogue that the schemes of classification now extant enabled a library to be simply and efficiently dealt with, the information being logically

arranged and of exhaustive character. The President, recognising that books have not only to be arranged, but found, expressed a very pronounced opinion that an Author Catalogue, with an Index of Subjects, was the solution of the difficulty. The relation of the Reference Library to the educational institutions now at work, and to the Lending Library, was another subject of discussion.

Space forbids us doing more than calling attention to the interesting address of the President on the Catalogue of the British Museum, the greatest printed catalogue in the world, containing as it does between 4,200,000 and 4,500,000 entries.

#### L.A.A. NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

*In consequence of the pressure on our space the report of the September meeting is held over.*

THE OCTOBER MEETING will be held in the Reference Library, King Street, Manchester, on October 16th, at 8 p.m., when a discussion on the affairs of the Branch will be opened by the Chairman. Suggestions are invited. To be followed by a paper by the Hon. Sec. on "THE EVOLUTION OF LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION :—A PLEA FOR A STANDARD SYSTEM."<sup>1</sup>

#### NOTES AND NEWS.

**Alfred the Great.**—In connection with the Millenary Celebration, Mr. John H. Swann, of the Manchester Reference Library, prepared an annotated study-list of books in the Reference Department, which is well worth preserving as a bibliography of Alfred literature.

**"The Aristocrats."**—We understand that Mrs. Atherton, the author of "Senator North," is the writer of "The Aristocrats," which was recently published anonymously.

**Boness, Linlithgowshire.**—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered £5,000 for a Public Library.

**Bradford.**—A complete set of the reports of the Challenger Expedition has been secured by the Bradford Public Library.

**"Cassell's Saturday Journal."**—The issue of September 4th contains an interview with Mr. T. Greenwood, with portrait.

**Dalkeith.**—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given £4,000 to the town of Dalkeith, Midlothian, for a Public Library.

**Fulham.**—The Council have decided to delete the betting news from all newspapers supplied to the Libraries.

**Hackney.**—The Borough Council has referred to the Law and Parliamentary Committee a letter from a ratepayer, requesting it to take the necessary steps for the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts.

**"Harper's Magazine."**—The September number contains an article on the influence of Public Libraries on reading in America.

**Hull.**—The New Central Library is to be opened on November 4th by Lord Avebury.

**Hereford.**—Under the will of the late Sir Joseph Pulley, formerly M.P. for the Borough, the Library receives £1,000 for the erection of a room to be named after the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone.

**Ilkeston.**—Mr. Carnegie has offered £7,500 for the erection of a Library on condition that the Council provide the site.

**Keighley.**—The elevation and plans of the proposed new Library will be found in *The British Architect* for August 30th.

**Leadhills.**—A visitor to Leadhills has recently given a handsome donation to the miners' library, which is one of the oldest circulating libraries in the Kingdom, having been founded in 1741 by the Allan Ramsay of "Gentle Shepherd" fame, who was born there in 1686.

**"The Library World."**—The September No. is not up to its usual standard of excellence. Mr. Jast deals in his particular breezy manner with "The treatment of pamphlets," and promises to treat with parliamentary papers next month, which should prove of value, as many libraries now pay special attention to "blue books." "Notes on the Glasgow Exhibition: for Library Assistants," should be read as a supplement to the article which we published on the Exhibition in our July number.

**Mold.**—The District Council have decided to approach Mr. Carnegie on the question of building a Library for the town.

**Public Libraries Act, 1901.**—It is not often that one is able to find such a curious mistake in an Act of Parliament as that which occurs in this Act, the full title of which is "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Public Libraries . . . and to regulate the liability of managers of Libraries to proceedings for libel." The clause relating to libel which appeared in the bill promoted by the *Library Association* has apparently been struck out in Committee. But as in law nothing can be taken for granted, one can only wonder whether the King's printers have accidentally omitted this paragraph, or failed to alter the title of the Act. We are curious to know whether it will be necessary to appoint a Royal Commission to set this matter right!

**Rylands Library.**—We understand that the celebrated collection of illuminated and other MSS. belonging to the Earl of Crawford, has been purchased by Mrs. Rylands.

**Shoreditch.**—At a recent meeting of the Borough Council it was decided not to proceed with the poll on the question of increasing the Library Rate from  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 1d in the £, it having been pointed out by the Town Clerk that the limit could be altered by a resolution of the Council under the new Public Libraries Act.

**Stepney.**—The new Library for the Limehouse District will be opened by the Mayor on November 6th.

**Stoke Newington.**—At the last meeting of the Borough Council a memorial signed by a number of borrowers from the Public Library, urging the Council to introduce "open access" at the Library was referred to the Libraries Committee for consideration and report.

As we go to press we learn with extreme regret of the death of Mr. Edward Foskett, F.R.S.L., the Chief Librarian of the Camberwell Public Libraries. Mr. Foskett had just returned from his holidays, apparently in the best of health, and died in bed quite suddenly on Friday morning, the 27th September.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

[*The Editor solicits expressions of opinion on all matters of interest to the profession, but does not hold himself responsible for the views or opinions of correspondents.*].

"DEAR MR. EDITOR, "6th September, 1901.

"I have just been collating my numbers of the 'Assistant' before sending them to the binder, and I feel I should be ungrateful did I not express some of the happy memories that flooded my mind as the events of the past—although only recently past—come in review before my eyes.

"Harking back to the second number of this second volume, recollections of an exceptionally pleasant meeting in Church Street, Stoke Newington, come to me; members who are the pride of our Association were there, local dignitaries, and oh! such a capital lecturer. What a paper that was!—and how we enjoyed it!—the show of early editions in another room—to say nothing of the refreshments in yet another. Still, there were only a very few there, and of those few one is many hundreds of miles away now, another is librarian in the Provinces—the others I forget.

"Other meetings, large and small, each give rise to recollections of incidents and occurrences for the most part pleasant to dwell upon. They are different now—the old faces have gone, and given place to new—here and there certainly one or two remain whom I remember from my first acquaintance with the Association. It seems to me too, that I miss the presence of some of the seniors—it seems that they are mostly young, enthusiastic members I meet now. But I suppose this is only natural, and as it should be, this is the young people's age, and the old ones sit at the back. The young ones seem to be making things 'go' though, and do some daring things—that trip up the river for instance—but I enjoyed it as much as anybody.

"I rarely miss an ordinary meeting; if I make up my mind to stay away from one, I know I shall regret it, and sure enough if I do some one turns up I wanted to see, or there is something said I should like to have heard. With this feeling so strong upon me, I cannot help but wonder at the very small meetings we sometimes have; if members would only attend regularly, I feel sure they would discover a pleasure in their attendance they would not have suspected.

"However, whether they do or not, I shall endeavour to, but I should like it better if I had to pay sixpence extra for 'early doors' in order to avoid the crush!"

"Apologising for encroaching so much on your space,

"I am, dear Mr. Editor, Yours truly,

"OLD BOY."

#### APPOINTMENTS VACANT.

**Notice to Library Authorities.**—*We shall be pleased to publish under this heading, free of charge, particulars of vacancies if full details are sent to the Editor on or before the 25th of each month.*

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#### NEW MEMBERS.

BACON, Samuel, St. George, Stepney. (Junior.)

FUREY, J. H., Irlam o' the Heights, near Manchester.

LAMB, Sydney, St. Helens. (Senior.)

LEWIN, Percy E., Woolwich. (Senior.)

NORRIE, Joseph, Walthamstow. (Senior.)

USHERWOOD, Victor, Woolwich. (Junior.)

WOOD, Percy H., St. George, Southwark. (Senior.)

**Donation to Library.**—" Descriptive handbook to the more noteworthy works of prose fiction in the Library of the Midland Railway Institute, Derby," by E. A. Baker, M.A., 1899. Presented by the Author.

#### NOTICES.

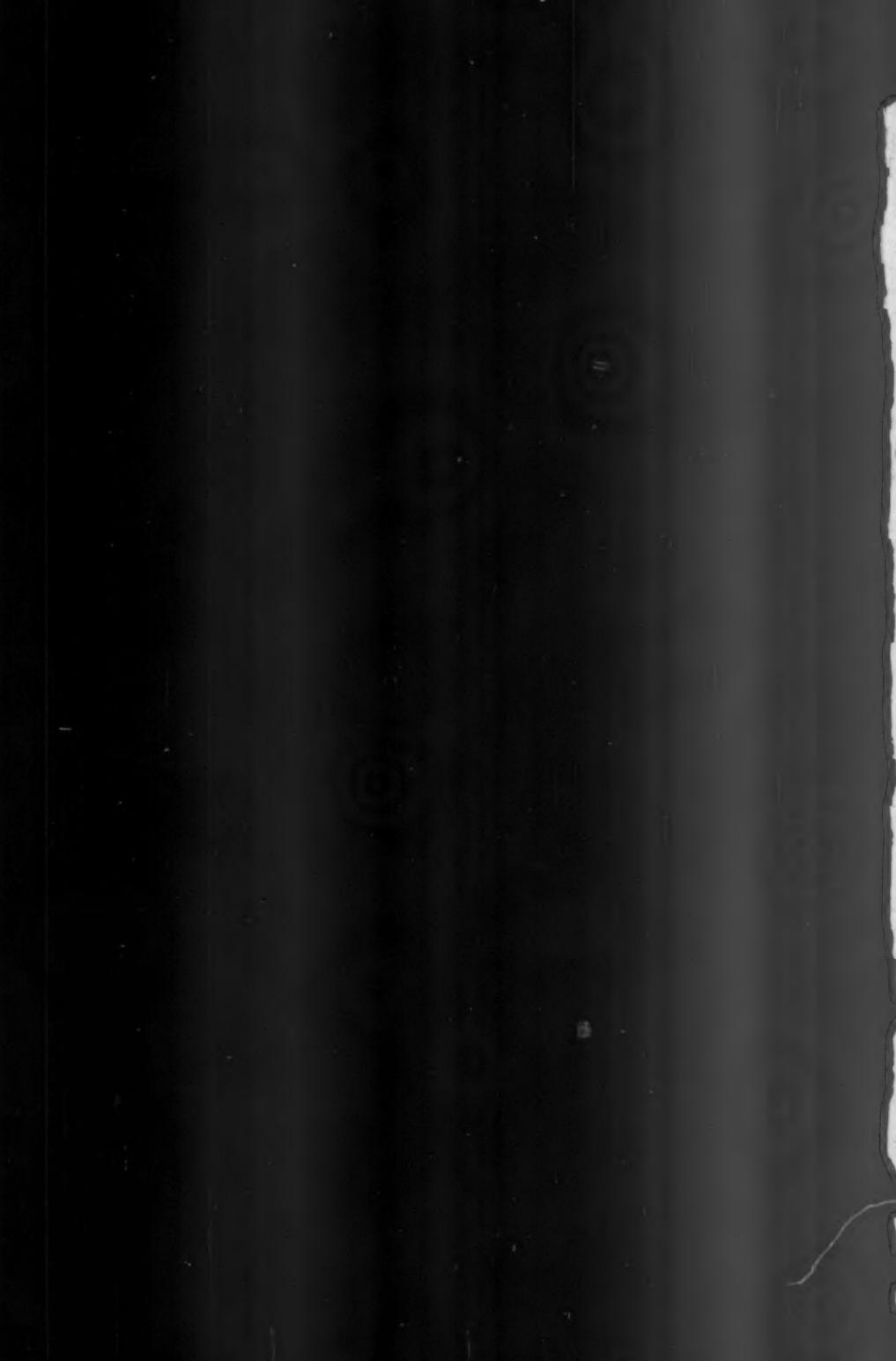
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Communications relating to the Journal and its publishing should be addressed to the *Hon. Editor*, Mr. H. Tapley Soper, Public Library, Stoke Newington, N.

All matter for the November number should be sent in on or before the 19th October.

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